

pensation. If we confess him we put ourselves in the position and condition to be confessed by him before the Father. In him is both the promise and the fulfillment.

But what is meant by the confession of Christ? It is evident that not a mere public confession before the church is meant, nor is it every public confession before men. These accompany the confession, but there may be confession apart from them. We are led to believe that a confession of Christ means a confession made in Christ,—a confession that has its source in him and manifests to the world a vital union with him. Confession, therefore, is an end rather than a means to an end. We confess not that we would be saved but because we are saved. Confession is *habitual*, not *spasmodic*. The permanency of the Republic is not with the men whose patriotism exhausts itself on the Fourth of July. Patriotism is the atmosphere in which the nation's heroes always live. What patriotism means in the political world, that and more than that confession means in the Christian world. Our lives ought to be one continued confession of Christ. We can not be disciples and purposely conceal our discipleship. Secret discipleship has neither the sanction of the scriptures nor an example in them. To attempt to become one would certainly be ungrateful, not to say harmful on our part.

"Ashamed of Jesus that dear friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend?"

Let this be a service for a renewal of confession. Do not neglect those of the church not yet Christians. Give them an opportunity to make the first confession. Pray before-hand that you may have confessions in this service. Speak personally to some one whom you can best approach. May confessions be made as a result of this service.

SOME SCRIPTURE HELP

1. Confession commanded, Rom. 10: 4-11.
2. The need of confession, Luke 12: 8, 9; Prov. 3: 6.
3. The help of confession, I John 4: 10-15.
4. The influence of confession, Acts 19: 10-20.
5. Confession glorifies God, Phil. 2: 5-11.
6. Confession the foundation of the church, Matt. 16: 13-18.
7. Where to confess Him:
 - (a) At home, Mark 5: 18, 19.
 - (b) In by-ways and hedges, Luke 14: 23.
 - (c) To whosoever asketh thee, John 9: 25 et al.
 - (d) To the whole world, Matt. 28: 19, 20.
8. How to confess Him:
 - (a) By our praise, Psalm 71: 8-15.
 - (b) By character, Matt. 5: 16.
 - (c) By our love for one another, John 13: 34, 35.
 - (d) By separating ourselves from the things of the world, Rom. 12: 12; I Pet. 2: 10, 11, 12.
9. The motive for confessing:
 - (a) Because Christ calls us, Luke 5: 27, 28.
 - (b) Because of what we have received, Luke 18: 40-43.
 - (c) Because of what we have seen and heard, Acts 4: 20; 5: 40-42.
 - (d) Because of the love for Christ, II Cor. 5: 14.
 - (e) Because called to Christian service, I Tim. 1: 12-16.

TOPICS FOR TALKS

1. Why is membership in the church the indispensable mode of confessing Christ?
2. How is the heavenly Father glorified by our confession?
3. Why can not one be a follower of Jesus in secret?
4. What relation should exist between one's confession of Christ and one's unconscious influence for Christ?
5. How does confession depend upon character?
6. How far is one responsible for the influence of his confession?
7. Wherein is the power of confession?
8. An open parliament:
"Why I am glad I am a Christian and a member of the church." Let every member of the church

participate. Encourage and exhort them to do so. Close with a tender appeal to the unconverted of the audience, to seek membership in the church in obedience to the commands of Christ.

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The Twentieth Century is rapidly growing and I wonder if the missionary spirit within it is growing as rapidly. Christ has commanded us to be missionaries, as we learn in Paul's teaching, Matt. 28, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This I think the greatest Missionary command given to man, and it was given by Christ, our great example, and the first Missionary. Would to God we all had more of the missionary spirit within us, that as Paul we could feel and say that we too are "debtors to the whole world, and that woe is unto us if we do not preach the gospel." But here some may say, we have not the talent or the gift to preach. True, we may not all be able to preach from the pulpit, but we can so live that our lives will be daily preachers to those about us who are out of Christ, then too, we can give as the Lord has prospered us for the spreading of His gospel. If we look back to the 4th and 5th centuries and learn how thru missionaries Britain evangelized, we surely can not help but feel that the heathen and the unsaved of the world today are as much in need of the gospel as at that time, and this gospel which has brought us to a saving knowledge should be preached thruout all the world, for as Paul says, Rom. 1: 16, "It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." And I think if more of the men and women who are living in this Bible land would accept and believe the gospel of Christ, the world would have more missionaries to help fulfill the command of Christ in Mark 16: 15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We learn all thru Christ's teaching that He was a missionary. He went from place to place preaching and teaching the gospel. We need only look about us each day, to see and realize how much we are in need of the gospel taught by Christ, and it is so plain, that it is said, "A fool cannot err therein," and yet there are so many who do not accept it. We are told in Heb. 10: 31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." It seems to me if all who are out of Christ would read and meditate upon this scripture, they surely would not reject Him any longer, seeing what the spirit of missions has done for us, how great the missionary spirit must have been in God, the Father to give His only Son for us, and in Christ who gave himself, "that we thru Him might have life." Could we but realize His suffering and death as we should, and present it as plainly to

those who are out of Christ. (But would they accept Him?) If so we would not see so many taken out of the world without hope for future happiness. In I Cor. 15: 18, we are told that "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable; and yet people will allow themselves to be miserable, rather than accept Christ, the one altogether perfect. May we become more like Him each day we live.

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Christian Life

"WE WOULD SEE JESUS"

REV. JOHN BANCROFT DEVINS

Jesus, Saviour, we would see Thee,
Lifted high upon the tree;
Bearing there our sins and sorrows,
Setting us forever free.

Jesus, Teacher, we would hear Thee,
Hear Thy voice and it alone:
Learn the lessons Thou wouldst teach us,
Speak the words that Thou wilt own.

Jesus, Master, we would serve Thee,
Fill each day with loving deeds;
Comfort those whose hearts are weary,
Like Thyself supply their needs.

Seeing, hearing, learning, speaking,
Serving daily, faithfully;

May men see in us Thy brethren
All that Thou wouldst have us be.

—New York Observer.

"JESUS CHRIST, MY ALL IN ALL"

JOSEPH W. COCHRAN

Years ago I attended a Mothers' Meeting, and during the course of the services was particularly impressed by the words of a saintly woman, since gone to her reward. In giving a recital of a dying son's experience, she quoted him as using the expression: "Jesus Christ, my all in all!"

Is it not strange that we can hear a saying ninety-nine times, and the one hundredth, it will begin to dawn upon us with a new significance? At that time it arrested my attention especially, and in the long days since, time and time again has it reverted to my mind puzzlingly; for I was not prepared to assimilate its significance. In the "fullness of times" somewhat of its content has been granted me in blessed experience.

Said Paul: "For to me to live is Christ." I believe this to be possible, tho personally far removed from so full a realization. Almost all Christian readers have heard at one time or another of the consecrated serving woman who found every act in her daily labor an opportunity for praise and thanksgiving. Once this tale seemed unreal and overdrawn, now it appeals to me as a height to be attained. Do not such changes evince growth, and argue a never ending progression?

Paul also said: "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Humility is thus shown to be consistent with conscious exaltation. In this spirit let me, an infant in arms as to consecration, witness for the Master.—Presbyterian.